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**MINUTES OF THE MADISON RECREATIONAL
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

March 2, 2010

The Madison Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 5:30 pm at Dublin Park, Madison, Alabama.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Bill Ward, RAB President.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

The roll call of the board was conducted by the board member Cliff Lanham and recorded as follows:

MBA President Mike Kridner	Absent
Madison Girl Softball President Bobby Hagood	Present
Madison Dolphins President Matt Benzek	Absent
BAM Commissioner Anthony Dupree	Absent
AYSO Regional Commissioner Lisa Sheffield	Absent
MAA President Chris Lewis	Absent
Greenways & Trails Allison Wheeler	Present
Board Member Charles Duffy	Absent
Board Member Cliff Lanham	Present
Board President Bill Ward	Present
Board Member Phillip Herron	Present
Recreation Director Mike Cassell	Present
Senior Center Director Judy Meiers	Present
Board of Education Bobby Jackson	Absent

Also in attendance was Alison Callahan subbing for Lisa Sheffield, Lisa Preston

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 2009, meeting minutes. The motion passed.

AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Ward started the meeting by stating that the actions on the Dublin restroom be deferred until April meeting. Alison Callahan setting in for Lisa Scheffield stated that her committee handling the restroom construction would take care of the coordination with the city engineers, and would develop the request for funds packets for the commissioners i.e. Faye Dyer, and others and would continue to coordinate with John Allen, contractor. Bill agreed.

On the discussion of background checks Mike Cassell informed the board that most organizations used an organization called Volunteer Select for background data base. However, he would also coordinate with the city police as to their recommendations as to establishment of a data base. Perhaps even having Lisa Preston at the Rec. Department to be the focal point could be a possibility. AYSO has a national data base for background check. All other organizations are really in need of a center data base. MBA requires a \$9.00 fee for a background check. Each organization needs to call Lisa Preston, Rec. depart., to let her know how they handle the background check and the fee if any.

Steve Haraway discussed an amendment to the Rec. Board policy to allow the Madison City Disabilities Board to have a non-voting ex officio position on the Rec Board. The board voted and approved the measure to allow another member to the board. There were two minor errors in the change and they were presented to Steve for corrections.

Phillip Herron speaking for MBA said that there were over 950 signed for baseball. MBA also has insurance and that the tournament play would begin on 16-17 April. Weather has been a challenge for practice to this point. Recruitment this year was a bit different in that MBA was allowed to use the public education system to get e-mail notices to students about the program for 2010.

Madison Softball League has some 300 registered for this seasons play. Open ceremony will be on 26 March. Play will run through July. There are 6 fields at Palmer and they are ready to play.

AYSO registration is ongoing and the fields are looking really good for play.

There is ongoing work at the North end of Mill Creek Greenway. Logan Cox, Assistant District Commissioner for Boy Scouts has been contacted to obtain Boy Scouts that need Eagle Project work to support the Greenway. Allison Wheeler also said that people are now using the recycle containers alone the areas. She is the one that is emptying the bins for further processing.

Mike Cassell reported that the fields were in the maintenance phase with aeration of grass, leveling and dragging of ball fields. He would coordinate with the police department as to data required and support information for background checks and data storage.

The Senior Center has submitted proposals for bids for additional wing construction and an additional 30 space parking lot. Indications are that bidders will be coming in lower than expected which will allow better use of programmed money for these projects.

No other business was brought forward, the next meeting will be on 6 April 2010. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.